

PSYCHIATRIST II (CLINIC)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional psychiatric work permitting some latitude for independent judgment in providing professional medical and psychiatric clinic services, primarily in order to maintain psychiatric stability and facilitate successful community-based living. The work may involve the provision of medical and psychiatric services in the Correctional Center Clinic, as well as the assessment of inmates who have placed on a suicide watch (observation) in the Correctional Center. The work is performed under the direction of a higher-level psychiatrist, administrative division head and/or clinical director. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Renders psychiatric and neurological diagnostic service for clinic patients and clients, primarily in order to maintain psychiatric stability and facilitate successful community-based living (i.e., minimize symptoms that interfere with normal activities of daily living, avoid hospitalization, prevent admissions to psychiatric institutions);

Assists in administering a program of medical/clinical services within the Department of Mental Health's Clinic;

Participates as a team member in conferences concerned with diagnosis and treatment of patients and clients;

Provides psychiatric treatment for patients, utilizing the assistance of other psychiatrists, psychiatric social workers and psychologists;

Contributes to the interpretation of methods and procedures by Clinic personnel responsible for carrying out prescriptions and recommendations;

Makes recommendations concerning treatment;

Makes reports to practicing physicians about patients attending the Clinic;

Consults with community organizations and individuals relative to the treatment of patients in the Clinic;

Provides community mental health education, as assigned;

Develops, implements and participates in research projects, particularly as they pertain to Clinic services, as assigned;

May direct a specific program within the Clinic.

When assigned to the Correctional Center Clinic:

Renders medical and psychiatric services in order to facilitate psychiatric stability and the capacity of inmates to be successfully re-integrated in the community, including transitional services, when appropriate;

Administers psychiatric services to inmates in the County's Correctional Center (Rockland County Jail);

Oversees and participates in the administration of psychiatric medication to inmates, as needed;

Evaluates inmates on suicide watch (observation) in order to assess the risk of self-harm and determines when such suicide watch is no longer needed;

Evaluates inmates who have exhibited behaviors or expressed thoughts or feelings that indicate the need for psychiatric services, or who have been referred by Correctional Center staff.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and techniques of medical and psychiatric practice of personality development and emotional and behavior problems in children and adults, especially as they pertain to clinic services; good knowledge of public health functions in community organizations and of state and local relationships in the work of psychiatric clinics; good knowledge of the principles and practices of correctional behavioral health services**; working knowledge of administrative and supervisory techniques as applied to a Community Mental Health clinical program; ability to supervise and participate as a member of a team in the work of the total clinic program; ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating situations and making decisions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license to practice medicine in New York State and certification in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or proof of eligibility* for certification; and three (3) years of post-psychiatric residency experience.

NOTE: Two (2) years of psychiatric experience in a Community Mental Health or similar setting may be substituted for the required experience.

PROMOTION: One (1) year of permanent status as a Psychiatrist I or Psychiatrist I (Clinic).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Licensure to practice medicine in the State of New York. Must maintain license throughout the course of employment in this title.
2. Must have a current DEA registration number which must be maintained throughout the course of employment in this title.

*Evidence of licensure by the New York State Education Department to practice medicine and completion of three (3) years of approved resident training in Psychiatry together with the candidate's written statement that he/she has applied to take the current or proximate certifying examination will be acceptable proof of eligibility for Board certification.

**To be demonstrated during the probationary period.